

International training course

“CHERRY ON THE CAKE” – YOUTH EXCHANGE IN THE CONTEXT OF A LONG-TERM WORK WITH GROUPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE

3 – 8 November 2014, Bled, Slovenia

Do you wonder how to keep young people motivated in your regular long-time work with groups of young people? Do you think a youth exchange could be an appropriate activity in this regard and would like to know more about its learning potential? Or maybe you just want to know what does cherry on the cake have to do with youth exchange?

This 5-day training course will tackle many questions and will try to open creative space for finding different answers to quality aspect of youth exchange, its potential for non-formal education (and work with young people) and some challenges that international setting brings to work with young people.

Training is developed as a means for systematic support for representatives of organizations working with young people from Erasmus+ Programme Countries and the Western Balkan region. Training could also be an opportunity for contact making and future partnership.

AIM AND OBJECTIVES

The main aim of the training course is to discover the potential and possibilities of a Youth Exchange as a tool for non-formal education in the long term work with young people. The programme has therefore been developed in order to:

- Explore the potential of a Youth Exchange for motivation, learning and empowerment in the long term work with young people.
- Understand the importance of involving the young people in all phases of a Youth Exchange and the tailoring it according to their needs.
- Understand the role of a Youth Leader in all phases of a Youth Exchange.
- Develop competencies in ensuring the safe and supportive environment during a Youth Exchange.
- Develop competences to recognize the potential for learning in all phases of a Youth Exchange and support the learning processes of everyone involved
- Identify the challenges the international setting of a Youth Exchange brings and reflect on how to approach them.
- Explore partnership as the basis and synergetic element of a Youth Exchange.

PROGRAMME OF THE TRAINING COURSE

The programme will start on the 3th of November 2014 in the Evening and end on the 8rd of November 2014 in the Afternoon. (Therefore, please note that the arrival and departure days are 3th and 8th (in the Evening) or 9th of November!) You can find a programme draft of the TC at the end of this call.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The training course aims to bring together 30 participants from Erasmus+ programme countries

and Western Balkans who have to:

- be passionate about their work with young people (youth workers, youth leaders, teachers ect.);
- have some general understanding of youth exchange and Erasmus+ (or/and its predecessors);
- have some experience with short-term mobility activities (youth camps, expeditions, youth exchanges, residential trainings ect.);
- value the benefits of non-formal education;
- be interested in development of the new partnership;
- be capable of working in English language;
- be 18 years old or older.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND PROCEDURE

Participants need to apply online via SALTO-YOUTH application system. Direct link to the application form is available in the top right corner of this page:

(If you do not have a SALTO profile yet, you will have to create it first in order to be able to access the application form. Creation of the SALTO profile is free and will only take a few seconds. Should you experience any problems trying to access the application form please write to info@mva.si.)

The application deadline is 28th of September 2014.

Participants will be informed about the selection latest by the 6th of October 2014.

VENUE OF THE SEMINAR

The training course will take place in a Hotel Jelovica (<http://www.hotel-jelovica.si/>) in Bled, Slovenia. The hotel is situated within a Spa park by the Lake Bled in the old town.



Bled, together with its surroundings, ranks among the most beautiful alpine resorts. The town is situated in the northwestern part of Slovenia, at the foot of the Julian Alps and 50km from Ljubljana.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Accommodation, food and programme costs will be fully covered by the organisers.

Travel costs to the training course and back can be covered by the National Agencies of the Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme or SALTO South East Europe (for participants from Western Balkan region), so please contact your respective National Agency or SALTO for more information on this (see the list here: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth/doc152_en.htm#sectNAS).

ORGANIZERS

This training course is financed by the Erasmus+ Programme in the field of youth and organized by the Slovenian National Agency of the Erasmus+ Programme in the field of youth (MOVIT – Institute for the development of youth mobility, see www.movit.si) in cooperation with the SALTO South East Europe Resource Centre (<https://www.salto-youth.net/rc/see/>).

TEAM OF FACILITATORS

The training course will be run by two professional trainers with extensive experience in the field: Snežana Bacilja Knoch from Serbia (see her profile at <https://www.salto-youth.net/tools/toy/snezana-baclija-knoch.1941/>) and Sašo Kronegger from Slovenia (see his profile at <https://www.salto-youth.net/tools/toy/saso-kronegger.2317/>).

MORE INFORMATION

All further information on how to get to the venue will be sent to selected participants only after the selection process is concluded. Should you have further question regarding this activity in order to be able to decide if it fits you, please feel free to contact us at info@mva.si.

Monday 3rd November	Tuesday 4th November	Wednesday 5th November	Thursday 6th November	Friday 7th November	Saturday 8th November	Sunday 9th November
Arrivals	Who is who 2.0? Why am I here? Why am I really here? Why am I really really here? What will we do?	How to identify the needs of young people? What are the basis and what are the synergetic effects of partnerhips? How to taylor the youth exchange to the needs of young people. How to get young people involved?	How do we work as a group?	How learning happens in the youth exchanges? What is potential for learning in different phases?	Who am I? What is my role as a youth leader in different phases of involvement? How to include youth exchange into the youth work? How to recognize and support the learning?	<i>Departures</i>
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
	What is my experience with short term mobilities? What, how and why the youth exchange?	How to include? How to motivate? How to empower?	<i>FREE AFTERNOON (outdoor activities)</i>	What the international dimension brings? How to ensure safety and support?	How to cash-in the experience? Evaluation	
	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
Who is who?	What was this day trying to tell me?	What was this day trying to tell me?		What was this day trying to tell me?		